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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the City of Elmhurst on being designated as one of the "Top 100 Safest Cities" in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Elmhurst, ranked 87th on the list, has a crime rate that is lower than the national average; from 2014 to 2015 it saw significant decreases in residential burglaries, motor vehicle burglary and thefts, criminal damage to property, and DUIs; and

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WHEREAS, The Elmhurst Police Department values community engagement and participates in many different programs to ensure that the residents are involved in the community and protected; some of the ways in which it engages the community is with Neighborhood Roll Calls - an award-winning program that creates a partnerships between the police and the community and facilitates communication between residents and the officers patrolling their streets, allowing residents and officers to learn about each other; 33 Neighborhood Roll Calls were held in 2015, at which 608 residents attended; and

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WHEREAS, Police Officers conduct foot patrols in residential neighborhoods and provide various types of

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1 materials and informational pamphlets to residents; police
2 officers speak to community organizations, such as the park
3 district, high schools, and churches to inform the public on
4 related issues, trends, and events; officers ride bike patrols
5 in areas with high pedestrian and bicycle traffic; drop boxes
6 are provided in the department's lobby for residents to easily
7 and safely dispose of prescription drugs; and

8 WHEREAS, The Elmhurst Police Department hosts the
9 Citizen's Police Academy - one of the most popular and
10 successful programs within Elmhurst; this 12-week program
11 provides citizens with an opportunity to see how the department
12 serves the community; the Department also facilitates
13 D.A.R.E., which is taught in 12 Elmhurst grade schools,
14 challenging students to make good choices using the D.A.R.E.
15 decision-making model and covers wide range of topics; and

16 WHEREAS, Elmhurst is home to nearly 45,000 people, and
17 offers a mix of location, transportation, and
18 business-friendly tools that make it one of DuPage County's
19 most attractive locales; it has a vibrant downtown and a unique
20 business district; it boasts a regional hospital,
21 state-of-the-art library, liberal arts college, museums,
22 top-rated schools, and parks; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate the City of Elmhurst on being designated as one of
3 the "Top 100 Safest Cities" in the United States; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Elmhurst Mayor Steven M. Morley as an expression
7 of our esteem and respect.